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Election Dates Set

Dates have been set for a primary and general election to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of 22nd District State Representative Greg Pitoniak, who left office to become Mayor of Taylor.

Although no Republican has yet stepped forward to announce his/her candidacy, at least three people (Taylor resident Susan Cislo, Taylor City Treasurer Wayne F. Avery, and Taylor City Councilman Raymond Basham) have expressed an interest in running on the Democratic ticket, prompting Governor John Engler to call for a primary election to be held May 20. The general election has been scheduled for June 17.

In the annual Romulus Community Schools election, to be held June 9, two Board of Education seats – currently held by Sandra Langley and Ken Berlinn – will be decided. Berlinn has already announced his intentions to run for another four-year term, but Langley will not seek reelection.

Also on the June 9 ballot will be a City Charter amendment proposal which, if adopted, would extend the term length of the City's elected offices (Mayor, Clerk, Treasurer, and Council) to four years.

Avery Announces Candidacy for State Rep Seat

Editor's note: This is the second in a series of articles on candidates seeking the 22nd District's State Representative seat, recently vacated when Greg Pitoniak resigned his office to accept an appointment as Mayor of Taylor. The first, concerning candidate Susan Cislo, appeared in our January 24 issue; a third, concerning candidate Raymond Basham, will be published in our March 21 edition. Others will appear as candidates announce their intentions to run for office.

Wayne Avery is one of three candidates who have, to date, announced their plans to run for State Representative of the 22nd District. In the upcoming primary, set for May 20, Avery will vie with Taylor resident Susan Cislo and Taylor City Councilman Ray Basham to win the Democrat's spot on the ballot; so far, no Republican has come forward as a candidate. The general election has been set for June 17.

Avery, who currently holds the elected office of Treasurer of the City of Taylor, has extensive experience in local government, including service as a Taylor City Councilman (1987–1989) and a member of the Romulus Board of Education (1977–1981).

The 31-year resident of Taylor (and former nine-year resident of Romulus) feels that he has a lot to offer the com-

munities of Romulus and Taylor as their representative in Lansing.

"Our district has had the good fortune of being represented with the integrity of Greg Pitoniak," Avery said. "Having myself served in the local government roles of School Board member in Romulus, Taylor City Councilman, and, currently, Treasurer of Taylor, I believe I will bring the same kind of dedication to the district. It is vital to our citizens that we continue the progress and achievement undertaken in our district."

Among Avery's top concerns are public safety, taxes, education, and senior citizens.

"The increase in juvenile crime and gang activity tells us that the current juvenile criminal justice system is not working," said Avery, who spent a total of 16 years as a juvenile court probation officer.

Because he feels that juveniles often continue to commit crime, even while on probation, Avery favors exploring the possibility of starting a "youth camps" program for juvenile offenders, as other states have done.

"Teens must learn at an early age to be responsible for their actions. They must be dealt with in a fair but tough manner," said Avery, who also supports cracking down on adult crime.



Wayne Avery

Discussing his belief that Michigan residents already pay too much money in taxes, Avery pointed out that millions of dollars in revenue are lost every year due to uncollected taxes owed to the State by both residents and businesses. Avery would introduce legislation to aggressively collect this money.

"It simply is not fair that thousands of families and senior citizens struggle every year to pay their taxes while others are getting away without paying a penny," he stated.

Proud of his own pursuit of "dead-beat" taxpayers as the Treasurer of Taylor, Avery says that he has collected over three million dollars that, otherwise, would have been lost. He looks forward to the chance to do the same thing at the State level.

"If we all paid our equal share, we would have better funding for important programs like education and road repair," he explained.

His previous experience as a history/social-science teacher and school-board member has left Avery with strong feelings about education, as well.

"We must effectively deal with the students who come to school only to cause trouble, participate in gang activity, and use drugs," he said. "It is not fair when the many students who wish to learn, and the teachers who wish to educate, are disrupted by those misguided youth who often create havoc in our schools."

Finally, Avery is adamant in his as-

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RHS Graduates, Teachers Needed for Alumni Career Day

The Romulus High School Alumni Association, in conjunction with Romulus High School (RHS) staff, is planning an Alumni Career Day to be held on Friday, March 14, at the High School. The goal of the event is to provide a comfortable forum that will permit graduates to share their life experiences – the mistakes as well as the achievements – with interested high-school students.

Keynote speaker for the program will be Lloyd Ward (Class of 1966), Executive Vice President and President of the Maytag appliance company. After Ward's presentation, the students will break into small, informal groups to meet with graduates, giving the students a chance to ask questions about careers of interest to them.

Career Day organizers Marge Bergman, Kathy Hurst, Paula Smith, and Gen Dugan hope to attract a variety of

graduates to participate in the event, including medical professionals, self-employed entrepreneurs, child-care workers, employees of local government, lawyers, assembly-line workers, construction workers, graphic designers, auto designers, architects, and other business people, as well as those who have made a decision to stay at home and nurture their family.

Also sought are former Romulus teachers, who are invited to take part in the program and see how their former students "turned out."

Anyone interested in sharing his/her experiences with students or in helping to insure that Career Day events run smoothly, or who knows the whereabouts of a former teacher or other retired staff member, should contact Marge Bergman (941-0610) or Gen Dugan (941-2170, ext. 145). □

The Editor's Opinion

City, EDS Urged To Approach Meeting with Fair Minds, Cooperative Spirit

By Kristi Stephens

As most of you probably know by now, Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Claudia House Morcom recently handed down several rulings in ongoing litigation between the City of Romulus and Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. (EDS). Although most aspects of the two cases in question have been decided in favor of the City, there are two counts in the second lawsuit (in which EDS seeks \$100 million in damages from the City) which the Judge has declined to dismiss outright, and on which she will continue to review.

Unfortunately, a few City officials and private citizens have misled many residents with premature (at best) or mistaken (at worst) announcements that the City has defeated EDS, choosing to ignore the fact that this second lawsuit is far from over, and that EDS has already announced its intention to appeal parts of the cases.

In actuality, Judge Morcom has already established the next step in the process: a conference which she has scheduled for Wednesday, March 12, and which she has ordered both parties to attend. "Because of the circumstances of these particular cases," Morcom wrote in a letter which accompanied her latest decisions, "and the time and expense being incurred by all parties including the Judicial System, the Court would like to discuss possible equitable resolutions of the matter."

We at "the little paper" are happy to hear that Judge Morcom is concerned about the steadily mounting cost of this seemingly interminable litigation, and strongly support her efforts to get both parties involved in (hopefully fruitful) discussions.

Therefore, with the utmost respect, we urge both the City of Romulus and

EDS to put aside any personal animosities that have (perhaps understandably) developed over the course of this protracted disagreement, and approach the upcoming conference with fair minds in an honest attempt to weigh all concerns with an eye to the overall future of the citizens of Romulus.

Specifically, we ask the City to consider the following facts.

- Given the continuing – and unopposed – operation of many much more dangerous facilities within the City limits, the City's continued opposition to EDS' relatively innocuous project on the grounds that it is protecting our health and welfare seems arbitrary.
- The cost of further litigation will continue to make heavy inroads in our City treasury, consuming funds that are desperately needed to improve other services.
- Even if the City is ultimately successful in its battle against the well at Northline and Wahrman, these lawsuits have absolutely no bearing on EDS' second proposed well site on Citrin Drive, where the property is zoned MT-2, and therefore offer no guarantee that Romulus will be "well-free."
- No matter how convinced of victory some City officials may be, they must (if they are responsible) consider the definite possibility that the City could lose – and, therefore, they must also consider what such a loss would cost the taxpayers who live here.

Finally, we call upon EDS to continue the spirit of good-faith negotiating it has already shown in its dealings with the Environmental Concerns Association, and live up to its promises to work with the City to address every legitimate environmental and safety concern by conceding to all proposals for reasonable measures which would make its operation as "fail-safe" as possible.

If both parties enter the upcoming conference with an honest attempt to find what Judge Morcom called "possible equitable resolutions of the matter," surely some can be found.

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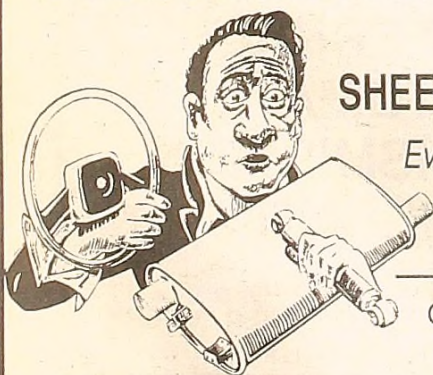
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Bennett Bill Would Close Doors on Imported Waste

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Surrounded by bags of trash labeled "Return to Canada," "Return to Georgia," etc., Bennett — who is the chair of the Senate Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Committee — stated, "Michigan is currently a net importer of certain solid wastes. This is not a legacy we wish to leave to our children, nor is it a title to which we want to lay claim while attempting to increase our tourist trade."

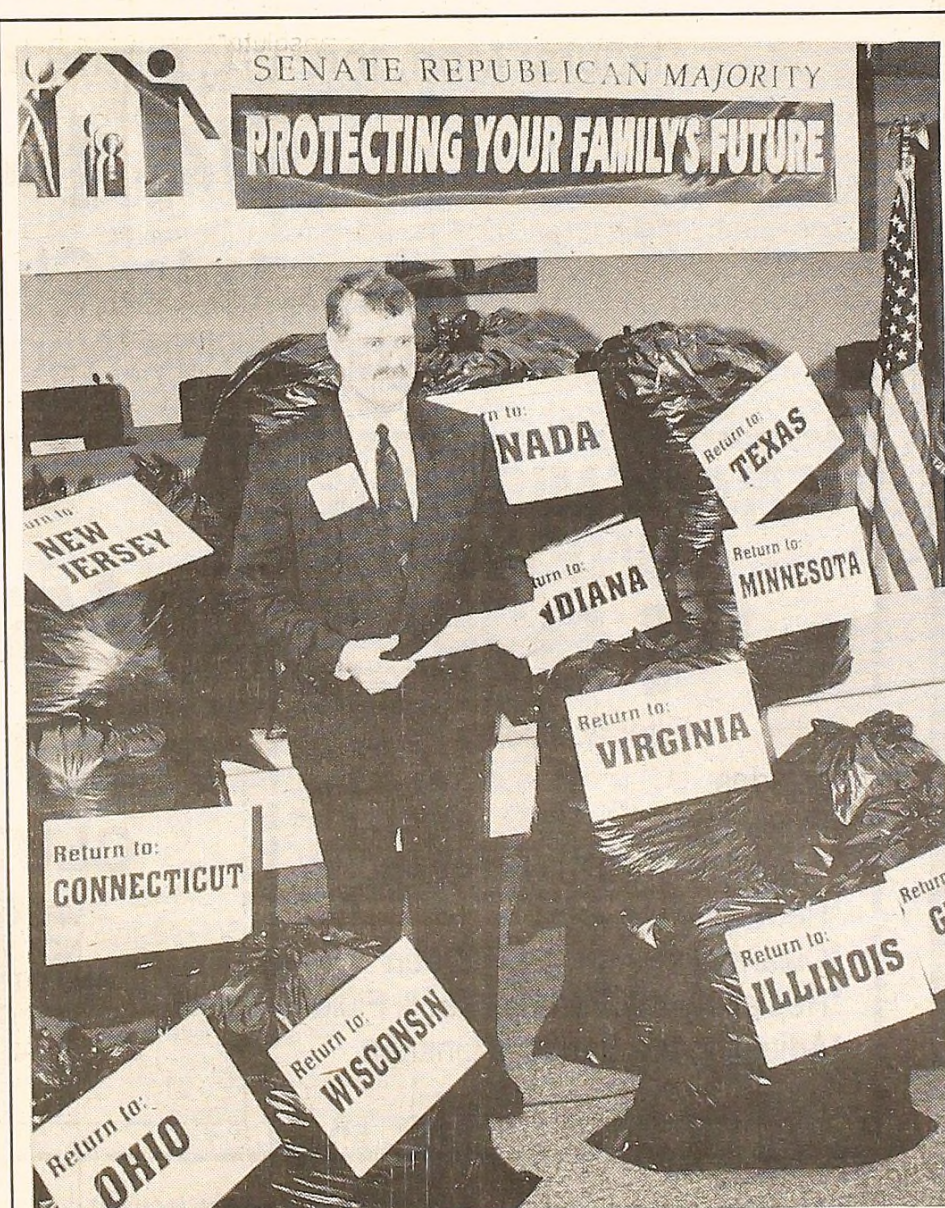
Bennett said that the State has been helpless to defend itself against the increased importation of certain types of trash from Canada and other states — including neighboring Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and Wisconsin — due to Supreme Court decisions which forbid any restraint against interstate commerce. He added that discussions are taking place at the Federal level which could provide relief from these decisions.

"Michigan should not be a dumping ground for its neighbors, the rest of the Nation, and especially not another country," Bennett said. "We are a state of abundant natural resources and beauty, and we work hard to keep our state clean. Once the Federal legislation is passed," he added, "Senate Bill 4 will allow us to refuse out-of-state waste at our borders."

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Senate Bill 4 is currently in the Senate Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Committee, awaiting passage of Federal legislation. □



Senator Loren Bennett stands amid bags of trash received from out of state to illustrate that Michigan is currently a net importer of some wastes.

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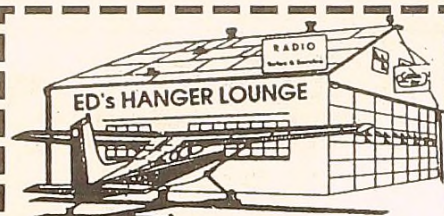
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- **Special Events at St. Paul's** – St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (located at Ellis and Craig streets in New Boston) invites the public to attend Holy Week Vespers on Maundy Thursday, March 27, at 7 p.m.; Good Friday, March 28, at 1 and 7 p.m.; and Easter Sunday, March 30, at 6:30 a.m. (with breakfast immediately following worship) and 10 a.m. All-you-can-eat Fish Dinners featuring baked and deep-fried fish, French-fried and scalloped potatoes, cole slaw, roll, macaroni, jello, dessert, and drink will be held on March 7, 14, 21, and 28; tickets are \$7 for adults. Finally, a Ladies Aid Salad Luncheon will be held on Thursday, March 13, from 11:30 a.m. until sold out. For more information, please call the Church at 753-9048.
- **Release** – *Release*, a dramatic one-act play, will be performed at Calvary Baptist Church (located at 11338 Ozga Road in Romulus) on Good Friday, March 28, at 7 p.m., and Easter Sunday, March 30, at 6 p.m. Presented by the Church's drama department, *Release* will change the way your family sees the celebration of Easter! Admission is free, and no offerings will be taken. Church youth groups and Christian school speech classes are urged to attend on Friday night. For details, call the Church: 941-0236.
- **Big, Beautiful People Welcome!** – The Tons of Fun Social Club for Big, Beautiful People and their admirers welcomes you. For information on upcoming events, call 313-438-1802.
- **Give Your Child a Head Start** – The Romulus Head Start program is currently accepting applications for eligible three- and four-year-old children. This free preschool program, located at Beverly School, serves children from low-income families, foster children, and children with disabilities. For information, or to apply, call 728-7815.
- **Pumpkin Festival Committee Needs You!** – The Romulus Pumpkin Festival Committee is still hard at work, preparing to host the first annual Pumpkin Festival in September. The Committee's meetings are held in the Romulus City Hall Community Room (located in the lower level) at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month (next meeting: March 20). For more information, please call Susan Watts at 941-0476.
- **Romulus Little League Meetings** – The Romulus Little League Board of Directors invites the public to attend its regular meetings, held at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month (next meeting: March 5) at the Romulus Recreation Department (36515 Bibbins).
- **RHS Track Open To Public** – Just a reminder to all you winter walkers that the track in the Romulus High School gymnasium is open to the public weekdays from 6 to 7:30 a.m., and is also available from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays if the gym is not being used by one of the student sports teams. (When the gym is in use, walking is permitted in the school hallways, instead). For more information, contact the Athletics Office at Romulus High School: 941-2170.

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sion that senior citizens deserve a better quality of living.

"After years of paying taxes and serving their communities, our seniors have earned the right to affordable health care, recreational activities, and safety," he stated. "These should be years of enjoyment, not anxiety."

Avery graduated from Taylor Center High School in 1958, and holds a bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan University. The U.S. Army veteran's history of community and professional involvement is a long one, and includes past membership in AFSCME Local 1905 (served as steward, treasurer, and committeeman) and the Downriver Community Alliance (served on the board of directors); current membership in the Fraternal Order of Police

Associate Lodge #123, the 16th District Democrats, the Democratic Club of Taylor, the Police and Fire Retirement Board, and the Taylor Rotary; and service as a Junior Achievement instructor at Taylor's St. Alfred's School and a board of education member and public relations director for St. John's Lutheran Church.

Avery will kick off his campaign with a fund-raising event to be held at the UAW Region 1-A building (located on Telegraph Road in Taylor) on Friday, March 14, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tickets (available for a \$100-per-person donation) can be obtained by calling 291-9260. Additional campaign events will include spaghetti dinners in both Romulus and Taylor.

For more information about the Avery campaign, call 291-9260. □

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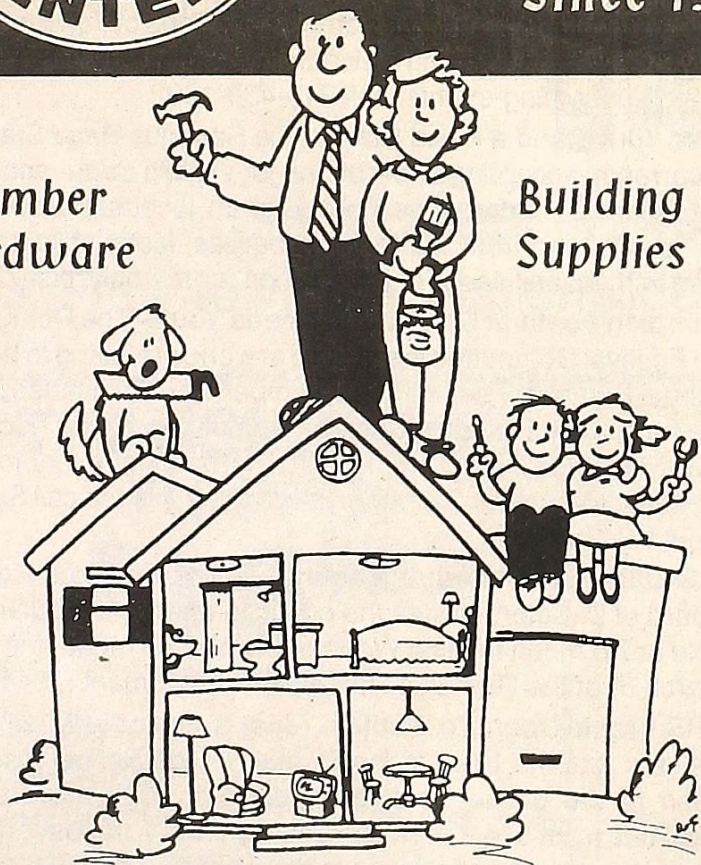
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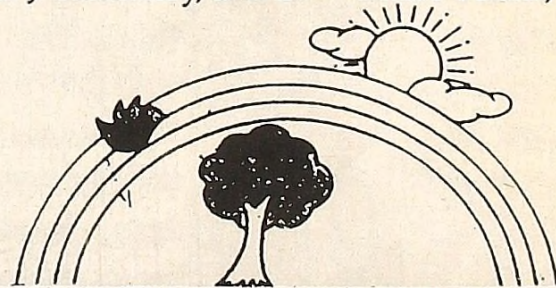
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Regular meetings of the Romulus Planning Commission (live – third Monday of each month)	7:30 p.m.

Tuesdays

Regular meetings of the Romulus Cable Commission (live – third Tuesday of each month)	7:30 p.m.
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Wednesdays

The Job Show (hosted by Michigan Employment Security Commission)	6:30 p.m.
People and Policy: A Common Sense Agenda (hosted by State Senator Loren Bennett; this month's topic – "Changing Rules of the Road")	7:00 p.m.
Regular meetings of the Romulus Board of Zoning Appeals (live – first Wednesday of each month)	7:30 p.m.
Regular meetings of the Romulus City Council (rebroadcast of previous Monday's meeting – second and fourth Wednesdays of each month)	7:30 p.m.

Thursdays

People and Policy: A Common Sense Agenda (hosted by State Senator Loren Bennett; this month's topic – "Changing Rules of the Road")	11:30 a.m.
Regular meetings of the Romulus City Council (rebroadcast of previous Monday's meeting – first, second, and fourth Thursdays of each month)	12:00 p.m.
The Mayor's Chair (live – second Thursday of each month; this month's guests: Fire Chief David Allison and Police Chief Charles Kirby)	6:30 p.m.

Fridays

The Mayor's Chair (rebroadcast – second and third Friday of each month)	12:00 p.m.
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Public Access Channel (Channel 43)

Tuesdays

Miscellaneous tapes (tapes submitted by local schools and community groups)	11:00 a.m.
The Jamal Rasheed Show	6:00 p.m.
4 Pro Forum (sports talk program – recorded weekly at Henry Ford Community College – with a focus on professional hockey, football, basketball, and baseball)	7:00 p.m.

Wednesdays

The Christian Hour (Church of Christ, New Boston)	6:00 p.m.
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Thursdays

Miscellaneous tapes (tapes submitted by local schools and community groups)	11:00 a.m.
W. D. Mohammed	6:00 p.m.
Greater Faith Ministries	7:00 p.m.

Fridays

4 Pro Forum (sports talk program – recorded weekly at Henry Ford Community College – with a focus on professional hockey, football, basketball, and baseball)	11:30 a.m.
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Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Audry Moomaw, Manager of the Romulus Tower, and to Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column. (Note: For further information about events at the Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, call 942-6852.)

Happy Birthday!

Best wishes for a wonderful birthday to those of my Tower neighbors who were born during the month of March: Eleanor Brzezicki, Theresa Chadwick, Alta Curtis, Robbie Hughes, Joseph Jackson, Mary Jaskolski, Marcia Lawson, Judith Lorenc, Giovanna Scibilia, Inola Singleton, Elizabeth Smith, Irene Trout, Ruth Ulrich, Bernice Usher, Marie Wilkerson, and Marion Zak.

Potluck

The Romulus Senior Center will continue its sampling of foods from different cultures at this month's potluck dinner (set for Friday, March 21, at 1 p.m.), which will feature Irish cuisine (main dish: Irish Stew) in honor of St. Patrick's Day. As always, bring a dish – and, says Center Coordinator Linda Norman, be sure to bring a friend to help spread the blarney.

Senior Crime Watch

Local senior citizens interested in learning more about what they can do to prevent crime and promote safety within their neighborhood are invited to attend the Center's next "Senior Crime Watch" meeting, to be held from 9 to 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 27. Officer Tom Ellis of the Romulus Police Department will be on hand to offer his assistance and share his expertise.

Isn't your protection and peace of mind worth an hour of your time?

AARP Income Tax Service

Low- and middle-income senior citizens can receive free tax preparation services at the following sites:

- **Friendship Community Center**
(Sarah Bohmhauer)
1119 North Newburgh
(between Ford and Marquette)
Westland, MI 48185
313-722-7632
- **Maplewood Senior Center**
(Charles K. Benton)
31753 Maplewood
(west of Merriman, north of Ford)
Garden City, MI 48135
313-525-8848

Be sure to call ahead for dates and times, as well as a list of materials which must be brought to the appointment.

Gentlemen Prefer Blondes

This month's \$1 movie at the Senior Center – *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes*, starring Marilyn Monroe and Jane Russell – will be shown on Friday, March 14, at 1 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Toning To Tape

The Romulus Senior Center invites those who are interested in looking and feeling better to make use of the Richard Simmons "Silver Foxes" exercise video, available for play at the Center every weekday from 9 to 9:45 a.m., and during some afternoons as well. The Center recommends that all participants wear comfortable clothing, and urges anyone unused to physical exertion to consult a physician before beginning.

Ask the Attorney

Local attorney Brian A. Oakley's monthly "Ask the Attorney" program – a free consultation service for senior citizens – has been set for Wednesday, March 12, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Romulus Senior Center. Both walk-ins (36515 Bibbins) and call-ins (942-6852) are welcome.

Weekly Programs

The Romulus Senior Center has a full schedule of weekly programs for senior citizens' enjoyment. Come in on your own or bring a friend for ceramics (Mondays at 1 and 6 p.m.); Club #1 meetings (Tuesdays at 11 a.m.); euchre (Tuesdays at 1 p.m.); bingo (Wednesdays at 1 p.m.); and pinochle (Thursdays at 1 p.m.).

Free Blood-pressure Readings

Community Emergency Medical Service conducts its free blood-pressure checks at the Center on the fourth Monday of every month at 1 p.m. Next scheduled date: March 24.

Hot Lunch

For just \$1.50, Romulus seniors (age 60 and over) can enjoy a hot lunch at the Center any weekday at 11:30 a.m. Call the Romulus Senior Center at least 24 hours in advance to make a reservation.

Home delivery of hot meals is also available for qualified individuals. For further information about the "Meals on Wheels" program, call 1-800-851-1454.

Volunteers Wanted

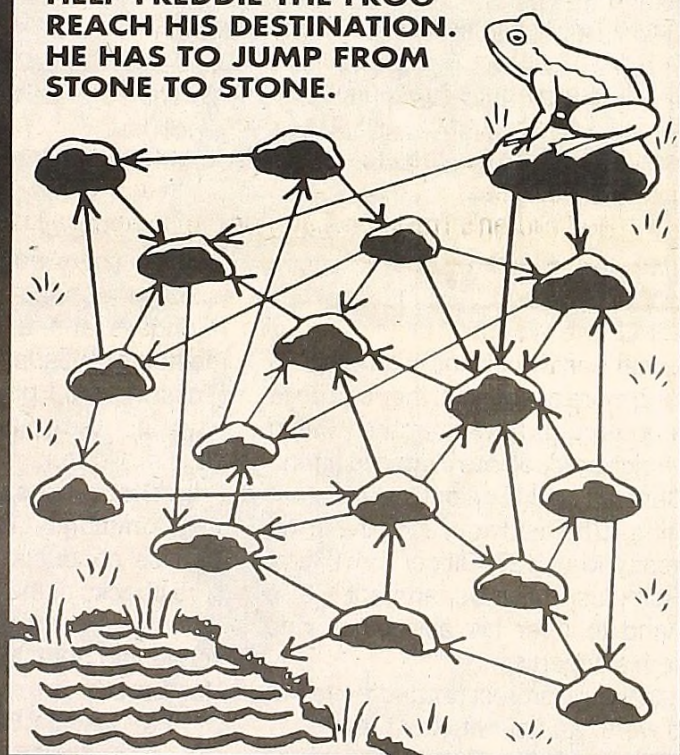
The Wayne County Office of Nutrition Services is seeking volunteers to deliver hot meals to homebound seniors in Romulus. All that is needed is a willing heart, transportation, and 30 to 60 minutes, one to five mornings per week. Volunteers receive a 21-cents-per-mile reimbursement. For more information, call Fran Ryder at 326-4444.

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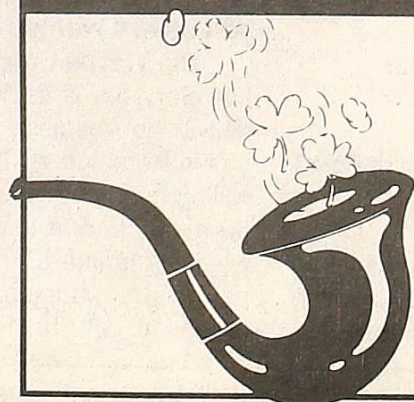
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Saint Patrick's Day Puzzler

Listed below are words and phrases associated with Saint Patrick's Day. How many can you find and circle in the scrambled letter puzzle? The words go horizontally and vertically, backwards and forwards.

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IRISH
LEPRECHAUN
CLOVER
SODABREAD
IRELAND

PARADE
FEAST
CELEBRATE
SAINT
PIPE
LEGENDS
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E L I O S E S E G T A S A
P E R P A G O P B A P I T
R G I E I A D A L R A R S
E E U E P I P R J B K I P
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A S E T G O R E O E E L E
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N D L I T V A V E W A N N
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P A Q Z F F E A S T A E R
S H A M R O C K W W I D G

Luck O' The Irish Scramble

Are you an expert on the Irish? Unscramble the words to complete the sentences below.

1. Irish eyes are G S I M L N I.
2. H E G N L I S and A L G I E C are Ireland's two primary languages.
3. The national emblem of Ireland. A S K H M O R C
4. This musical instrument is very popular in Ireland.
S A B P G P I E
5. The football team at the university of Notre Dame is known as the H F G N I T G I R I S H I.
6. E C R O N D E B E F and E B A B C G A is a typical Irish meal.

1. Smiling 2. English and Gaelic 3. Shamrock
4. Bagpipes 5. Fighting Irish 6. Corned beef and cabbage

Answers

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- **Illness:** If you're not feeling well, stay at home and take care of yourself. Ignoring illness will only make your body weaker and prolong your condition.
- **Ice skating:** Only ice skate in public arenas, never on frozen lakes or ponds. The ice may seem impenetrable, but often it is weak enough to cave in and take the skater for a cold swim.
- **Insect bites:** Use insect repellent when possible. For mild insect bites, a cold compress or witch hazel will reduce the itching. If the bites are swollen or painful, contact a doctor.
- **Infected wounds:** Keep area clean. Do not touch unless hands are washed. Change bandage regularly.
- **Immunize:** Make sure you get all necessary shots. Even if you're afraid of needles, immunization is important and could prevent disease.

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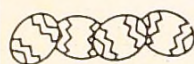


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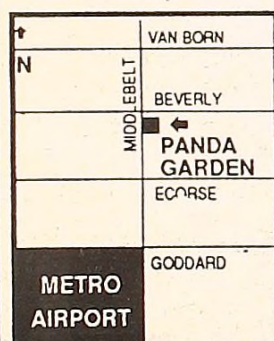
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"Put Your Money Where Your Heart Is" Campaign Continues

By Suzanne Hamilton, M.A., Community Education Coordinator, Child Abuse Prevention Council of Out-Wayne County (CAPCo)

Every year, your Michigan State income-tax form offers you the opportunity to help prevent child abuse and neglect by donating to the Children's Trust Fund (CTF). Simply check box #27 on your Michigan State income-tax form or write in the amount of your gift and you can donate part of your tax refund to CTF and become a "Prevention Partner." Your gift is tax-deductible in the following year. CTF calls this "putting your money where your heart is!"

But it's more than that. It's putting your money toward the one thing that can stop the cycle of child abuse and neglect — prevention. All monies received by the Children's Trust Fund are returned to local Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Councils in each county across the State. Monies donated by residents of Wayne County (excluding Detroit) are returned directly to The Child Abuse Prevention Council of Out-Wayne County in Inkster, which serves western Wayne and the Downriver communities.

The Children's Trust Fund, an inde-

pendent nonprofit agency, was established in 1982 to promote the health, safety, and welfare of children through public education and funding effective, community-based programs that prevent child abuse. The Child Abuse Prevention Council of Out-Wayne County in Inkster uses CTF funds for programs that help eliminate abusive parenting or caretaking by teaching what to expect from babies and toddlers, how to positively handle the challenges of child-rearing, and how to "stay cool" when the job of raising children seem overwhelming.

Many Michiganders understand that both the human and monetary effects of child abuse add increased costs to taxpayers in terms of unemployment, incarceration, and drug or alcohol abuse. In the last 14 years the generous donations of Michigan citizens has allowed CTF to fund over 500 local, direct-service programs and to serve over 500,000 families and 2.5 million children. Children's Trust Fund, Child Abuse Prevention Council of Out-Wayne County, and the Michigan Retailers Association are again asking for the help of Michigan citizens to support their efforts to prevent child abuse. □

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT FORM

If you are a resident of Romulus, *The Romulus News* will be happy to print an announcement of your new addition (child or grandchild). If possible, please enclose a photograph of your new arrival. There is no charge. Just fill out the following information and mail to:

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Birthplace _____

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Maternal Grandparents _____

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Paternal Grandparents _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Name and phone number of person to contact (in case of questions):

Attach any additional information concerning the birth to this form.

Wick Kids Make Honor Roll

Congratulations to the following Wick Elementary students, whose hard work and perseverance were well rewarded when their names were placed on the school's honor-roll list for the second card-marking of the 1996-1997 school year.

(Note: An asterisk denotes those students who made all "A" grades.)

Third Grade

Curtis Adams, James Bell, *Lindsay Beregsasy, Gregory Clever, Janie Coursey, Jason Elwell, Matthew Gawne, Matthew Goley, Brittany Hampton, Octavia Hester, Ashley Horyn, Dawan Jackson, Danielle Keller, *Corey Koch, *Monet McCroan, Travis Parker, Amber Pouncy, *Jonathan Rafalski, John Sandefur, Robert Staffieri, Joshua Stepchuck, *Siera Stewart, Brian Thiede, Anthony Tucker, and Lola Wynn.

Fourth Grade

Nathan Abraham, Latoya Allen, Tiara Anderson, Kristen Atchley, Anthony Balla, Ethan Bell, Shavon Bell, Brenden Boyd, *David Butzin, Justin Chapman, Maurio Clark, David Coyne, Jimmy Deline, Scott Denys, Raymond Dubisky, Randi Ferrebee, Lakesha Fuller, *Alison Gravenstreter, Crystal Hahn, Stephen Kish, Jared Kozma, Candace Lawrence, Latoi Lee, Anthony Lupro, Kyerra Naugles, Candace Parsons,

Shawn Perkins, Marlaina Polk, Angellica Pouncy, Philip Roscoe, Shauntya Simon, Tiffany Smith, Paulette Stanford, *Matt Steffani, Jamie Suiter, Tiffney Sweet, Jeremy Thomason, *Jessica Trahey, Lance Vaughn, Sarah Ward, and Shawnita Williams.

Fifth Grade

Jason Andrews, Amanda Cooper, Rondal Cox, Rhiannon Crawford, James Davis, Lauren Fox, Sabrina Gomes, Christian Hadden, Terry Harper, Rashad Jackson, Brian Jezierski, Chris Mills, Michael Polk, *Kristina Rafalski, *Sara Schulz, Daniel Sturgill, and DePaul Wood.

Sixth Grade

Scott Blackburn, Katie Bolus, Ryan Boyd, Tiffany Burrell, Eric Decker, Josephine Denys, Katie Eggers, Brenda Finley, *Shahidah Hasan, *John Jenkins, David Kettlewell, *Crystal Koch, *Hilary Kozma, Andrew McNeil, Rachael Parsons, *Heather Patrick, Donald Richison, Tiffany Smith, *Jill Steffani, *Ashley Stockdale, and Karneill Teague.

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Editor's note: As always, "the little paper" welcomes honor-roll lists from all Romulus-area elementary and secondary schools.

For more information, please call 941-1907 or 941-3113. □

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REGULAR MEETING, FEBRUARY 10, 1997

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, February 10, 1997, was called to order by President Kenneth E. Berlinn at 7:30 P.M.

Roll call showed all Members present. Administrator Thomas Dolan was absent (excused).

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Berlinn.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, requested that the Agenda be amended to include "A. 1. Administrative Appreciation Week" under Report of the Superintendent.

2/97/1 Moved by Gondek supported by Oleszkowicz to approve the Agenda as amended by Dr. Bedell. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

2/97/2 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Langley to approve the Minutes of January 27, 1997, as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Personnel Actions

Dr. Samuel B. La Monica recommended the following personnel actions for Board approval. 1) EMPLOYMENT: Simona Miller, Teacher, Cory Elementary School, Effective January 27, 1997; Rebecca Powell, Teacher, Merriman Elementary School, Effective February 3, 1997; and Robert McLain, Industrial Arts, Senior High School, Effective February 3, 1997. 2) RETIREMENT: Rosaleen Kirk, Teacher, Cory, Elementary School, Effective February 1, 1997.

2/97/3 Moved by Gondek supported by Woods to approve the personnel recommendations as presented by Dr. Samuel B. La Monica. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

2/97/4 Moved by Kesner supported by Oleszkowicz to approve the Retirement Resolution in recognition of years of service to the Romulus Community Schools for Thomas Westlake. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

2/97/5 Moved by Kesner supported by Gondek to approve the Retirement Resolution in recognition of years of service to the Romulus Community Schools for Mary Treader. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

2/97/6 Moved by Kesner supported by Oleszkowicz to approve the Retirement Resolution in recognition of years of service to the Romulus Community Schools for Rosaleen Kirk. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Administrative Appreciation Week

2/97/7 Moved by Kesner supported by Oleszkowicz that the Board of Education pass the following Resolution and offer a Certificate of Appreciation to the Administrative Unit of the Romulus Community Schools in recognition of the services they perform.

Bills for Payment

2/97/8 Moved by Langley supported by Oleszkowicz to approve the Bills for Payment as recommended by Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

MEAP Analysis

Ms. Peg Ross and Mr. Al Wilkerson presented an analysis of this year's MEAP results and answered questions posed by members of the Board of Education.

UAW - GM Adult Ed Program

For discussion only.

Readopt 1996-97 Budget

2/97/9 Moved by Gondek supported by Lenossi that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee and readopt the 1996-97 budget as per the attached from the auditors. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Baron/Romulus School Update

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, discussed the status of our alliance with Baron Schools. He stated that we have received our State Aid payment that reflects our D-Day Count. He also discussed the procedures in effect for second semester for registration and an article from the *Free Press* showing Governor's support. He also included a letter from the City of Detroit's Building Department.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

Members of the audience addressed the Board of Education regarding the following: 1) calculation of GPA; and 2) Ms. Sandy Schwartz invited the Board to watch the basketball team.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Dr. Bedell shared the following items with the Board of Education: 1) Hurst "Thanks" - La Monica; 2) Dolan Memo - Annual Report; 3) Heritage Article River Rouge High School - Greiner/Barton Malow; and 4) Finance Committee Minutes.

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Mrs. Julie Oleszkowicz stated how moving it was to see an AIDS quilt.

Mr. Michael Woods stated that the High School has the Board's support in improving student discipline.

Executive Session - Negotiations

2/97/10 Moved by Gondek supported by Oleszkowicz that the Board convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations. Roll call vote showed: Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 8:40 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 9:42 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

2/97/11 Moved by Woods supported by Lenossi that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:44 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Howard J. Kesner, Secretary, Romulus Board of Education

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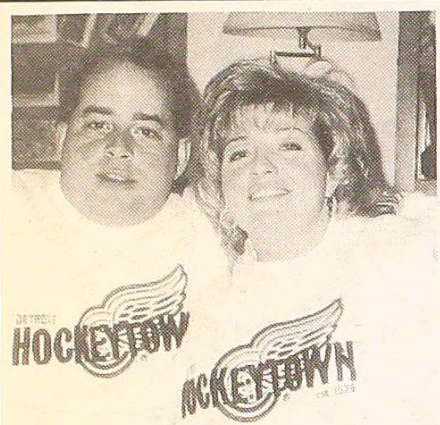
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Engagements

John Shepperd and Denise Richards



John Shepperd and Denise Richards

Planning a spring wedding are John Shepperd of Warren, Michigan, and Denise Richards of Romulus, Michigan.

The couple, who became engaged last November, have set a date of April 26, 1997, for their wedding, which will be held at St. Aloysius Catholic Church. (Romulus, MI).

Standing up with John will be his friend and best man, Matt Clemons (Clawson, MI), as well as groomsmen Alan Shepperd, brother of the groom

(Warren, MI); Rodney Richards, brother of the bride (Romulus, MI); Sam Iopicolo, friend of the groom (Richmond, MI); Dewayne Mento, friend of the groom (Warren, MI); and Jeff Thomas, friend of the groom (Taylor, MI).

Attending Denise will be her cousin and maid of honor, Maureen Byers (Lincoln Park, MI), as well as bridesmaids Dawn Evanski, sister of the bride (Romulus, MI); Debbie Lancaster, sister of the bride (Romulus, MI); Shannon Chollette, friend of the bride (Romulus, MI); Pam Belknap, friend of the bride (Romulus, MI); and Debbie Skoczylas, friend of the bride (Westland, MI).

Lester Lancaster, nephew of the bride, will be the ring bearer, while the bride's niece, Jaclyn Evanski, and the groom's niece, Katie Richardson, will serve as flower girls.

Miniature groom and bride will be Ricky Evanski (nephew of the bride) and Alex Reinhart (niece of the groom).

A reception at Joy Manor (Westland, MI) will follow the ceremony.

John's mother is the late Jean Shepperd. Denise is the daughter of Dennis and Kaye Richards (Romulus, MI).

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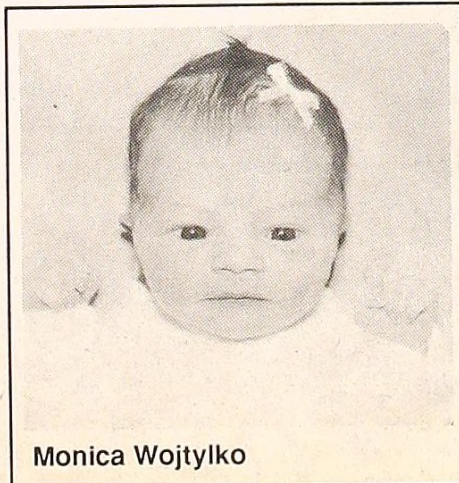
The Stork Arrived

Monica Wojtylko

Proudly announcing the birth of their new daughter, Monica Wojtylko, are James Justice and Natalie Wojtylko of Romulus, Michigan.

Monica was born in Wyandotte General Hospital (Wyandotte, MI) at 12:05 a.m. on Friday, December 6, 1996, weighing in at five pounds, 14 ounces, and measuring 19 inches in length.

Also giving the new arrival a warm welcome were her paternal grandparents, Ernie and Diane Justice (Browns-town, MI), and her maternal grandparents, Michael and Sharon Wojtylko (Romulus, MI). □



Monica Wojtylko

Obituaries

Josephine A. Chapman

Josephine A. Chapman of Belleville, Michigan, died on Friday, February 21, 1997. She was 59 years old.

Born to Frank and Catherine Palazzolo in Palermo, Sicily, on July 22, 1937, she came to the United States at the age of 10.

Josephine was active in Democratic Party politics, and served as a member of the Democratic National Committee until she contracted lupus in 1972. Later, she completed her undergraduate studies at Eastern Michigan University (Ypsilanti, MI) and pursued a law degree at Thomas Cooley Law School (Lansing, MI).

In 1984, Josephine began practicing law, and later ran for election to the 34th District Court twice. Her professional associations included membership in the Michigan Bar Association, the Women's Trial Lawyer Association, and the Suburban Bar Association; she was also a secretary for the Belleville Council for the Arts and a member of the Belleville Music Committee.

Josephine is survived by three sons, James, John E. (Evelyn J.), and Douglas M. (Kim Howard) Chapman; her



Josephine Chapman

mother; two sisters, Rosalee (Joe) Hart and Phillis (Ignazio) Biundo; one brother, Fred (Linda) Palazzolo; and four grandchildren, Richard L., Robert F., Rebecca A., and Rachel J. Chapman. Her husband, Edward Forrest Chapman, predeceased her in 1991.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, February 25, at Pawlus Funeral Home (Belleville, MI). Burial was at Hillside Cemetery (Belleville, MI).

Dora Halcomb

Dora Halcomb of Wayne, Michigan, died on Friday, February 21, 1997, at the age of 89.

Dora was born in Chad, Kentucky, on April 24, 1907.

She is survived by three sons, Sol (Union, WV), Aaron (Lake Dallas, TX), and James A. Halcomb (Trenton, MI); one daughter, Ms. Mary E. Gould (Wayne, MI); one brother, Columbus Coots (Joliet, IL); one sister, Mrs. Ida Crase (Summerset, KY); 42 grandchil-

dren; 24 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. Dora was predeceased by her husband, William Halcomb, and one son, two daughters, seven brothers, and three sisters.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, February 25, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with the Reverend Neil Swanger (Ball Road Tabernacle, Romulus, MI) officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock).

Frank Leroy Zimmerman III

Frank Leroy Zimmerman III of Romulus, Michigan, died on Monday, March 3, 1997, at the age of 48.

A native of Detroit, Michigan, Frank was born on January 19, 1949. The Div-Tec Corporation president was a graduate of Romulus High School and held a degree in marine biology from Wayne State University. (Detroit, MI).

Frank is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Craig (Carrie A.) Meyers (Youngsville, LA); his mother, Ruth J. Zimmerman (Romulus, MI); one brother, Donald P. Zimmerman (Ann Arbor, MI); one sister, Mrs. John (Nancy J.) Miller (Custer, WA); and two grandchildren, Dylan and Colby Meyers (Youngsville, LA).

He was predeceased by his father, Frank Leroy Zimmerman, Jr.

Funeral services were held on Friday, March 7, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with the Reverend Foster Gillon (Church of God, Taylor) officiating. Burial was at Romulus Cemetery.

Memorial tributes may be made in Frank's name to the Romulus High School Alumni Association. □

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